

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN**

The McAllen Board of Commissioners convened in a Workshop on **Monday, February 28, 2022**, at 3:30 pm, at McAllen City Hall Third Floor (3rd) Commission Chambers.

Present: Mayor Javier Villalobos, Mayor Pro Tem Joaquin Zamora, Commissioner Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, Jr., Commissioner Omar Quintanilla, Commissioner Tania Ramirez, Commissioner Victor "Seby" Haddad, Commissioner Jose R. "Pepe" Cabeza de Vaca

Also present were City Manager Roy Rodriguez, City Attorney Isaac Tawil, Assistant City Manager Michelle Rivera, Assistant City Manager Jeff Johnston, and City Secretary Perla Lara

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Javier Villalobos called the meeting to order.

1. PRESENT QUESTIONS TO STAFF RELATING TO THE FEBRUARY 28, 2022, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, TO BE DISCUSSED AT SUCH MEETING.

There were no questions for the regular city commission agenda.

2. DISCUSSION OF BEAUTIFICATION OF HIKE AND BIKE TRAILS.

Staff briefly discussed the beautification of existing hike and bike trails. A project cost estimate to enhance the hike and bike trails was presented to Council. Staff noted that said project had options for new amenities that will enrich use experience and were seeking direction for said project.

Comments and concerns were shared. Questions were asked relating to different types of benches, communication towers and trails. Staff answered questions posed by Council. Staff was directed to select locations and place on Friday Highlights.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

3. DISCUSSION OF DRAINAGE PROJECT SH 107 FROM MAYBERRY TO GLASSCOCK ROAD.

Mr. Mendoza gave a brief explanation of Hidalgo County Drainage District #1 Drainage Project. He mentioned that HCDD #1 has approached the city with a proposal for participation to oversize the project that will provide drainage for future development. Two options with location maps and cost estimates of the proposed project were presented. It was noted that staff is seeking direction from Council on proposed cost participation for project.

Comments and concerns were shared. Questions were asked relating to options, opportunity for expansion, financial commitment, immediate benefits, partnerships and development. Staff answered questions posed by Council. Council directed staff to budget and move forward with project.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

4. DISCUSSION OF CITY HALL EXPANSION.

Mr. Mendoza provided a brief update of City Hall expansion. He noted that the current City Hall was completed in 1995 and is approximately 47,100 square feet. He added that there has been an increasing need for additional space to accommodate the growing function of City business over the past 27 years.

Comments and concerns were shared by Council. Staff answered questions posed by Council. Staff was directed to look at different costs between elevated structure plus parking.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

5. PRESENTATION OF SOUTH POLE ILLUMINATED FESTIVAL.

Ms. Yajaira Flores presented a brief update of the South Pole Illuminated Festival.

Comments and concerns were expressed by Council. Questions were asked relating to social and digital media, request for a master report, sponsors, buyouts, celebrities, vuelta zone, growing the event and funding sources. Staff answered questions posed by Council.

Mayor Javier Villalobos thanked staff for their presentation.

6. PRESENTATION OF MCALLEN HOLIDAY PARADE.

Ms. Yajaira Flores presented a gave a brief update of the McAllen Holiday Parade touching on numbers, celebrity appearances, sponsorships, campaign outreach, revenues and expenditures.

Additionally, staff presented the economic impact analysis findings. She discussed the event, attendance, demographics, marketing and media. Staff stated that Mr. Sai Mallapudi with UTPA Data Center was present to answer questions and share feedback.

Discussion followed about the economic impact analysis. Comments and concerns were expressed by Council and questions were answered.

Mayor Javier Villalobos recognized, and thanked staff involved in making the event a success.

7. SUBDIVISION MONTHLY REPORT.

Said item was not addressed.

8. PROJECT STATUS REPORT THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2022.

Said item was not addressed.

9. STATUS REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION ROJECTS.

Said item was not addressed.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

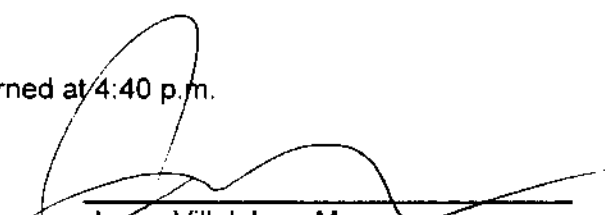
- A) CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. (SECTION 551.087, T.G.C.)
- B) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING ANNUAL DRUG & ALCOHOL SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2021. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)
- C) CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORENEY REGARDING LEGAL ASPECTS OF FUNDING OUTSIDE AGENCIES. (SECTION 551.071, T.G.C.)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.


Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Attest:


Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary